PLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Super Bazar, Delhi, has reported that certain irregularities in the purchase and sale of fruits and vegetables were recently detected. The employees found involved have been placed under suspension and enquiry proceedings have been initiated against them. The Super Bazar has further reported that the purchase system has now been streamlined by associating it with the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee of Delhi Administration and Commission agents in the market. A proper accounting system has also been introduced for the purchase and sale of fruits and vegetables. Accodring to Super Bazar this has resulted in the improvement in the quality and reduction of the rates of fruits and vegetables sold by the Super Bazar. According to market intelligence reports gathered by the Super Bazar, most of the items sold by it were found to be cheaper than the open market or the Mother Dairy rates.

Suspension of a clerk of NCCF

2080. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2088 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation had recently referred some documents in respect of a clerk for examination to a Government Laboratory in Shimla;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NCCF initiated another enquiry in September, 1985 for alleged misconduct against the clerk concerned;

(c) if so, what are the findings of the above enquiries; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the suspension of the clerk concerned was revoked by the outgoing Managing Director of the NCCF against the orders of his predecessor and the legal advice on the matter; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the departmental enquiry the charges against the concerned clerk were established.

(d) Legal opinion in the matter was sought. The former Managing Director revoked the suspension order after giving the clerk a warning and on a clear undertaking given by him for good conduct in future. The NCCF Management has been advised to look into the matter afresh.

Supply of pulses to Super Bazar by NCCF

2081. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of pulses (except Gram dal) supplied during the last one year by the NCCF to Super Bazar, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the pulses being supplied to Super Bazar are procured by the NCCF at much higher rates from local markets without any tender etc. through paticular brokers;

(c) whether Government are aware that the purchases from the private trade is a source of corruption and provide huge kickbacks to Branch Manager/Assistant Manager (Grocery), NCCF, Delhi Branch and officers of Super Bazar through the broker thus jacking up the price of pulses by about Rs. 50—100 a quintal as compared to those being sold by Kendriya Bhandars, Delhi;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against the officers involved; and